

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Alok Kumar, et al**

Application No.: 10/822,034

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TWO-  
STAGE PACKET CLASSIFICATION USING MOST  
SPECIFIC FILTER MATCHING AND TRANSPORT  
LEVEL SHARING

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 26, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is organized as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.

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